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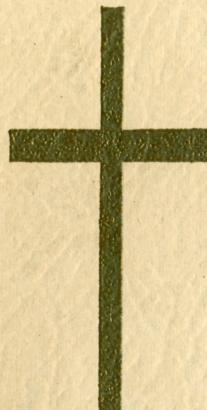


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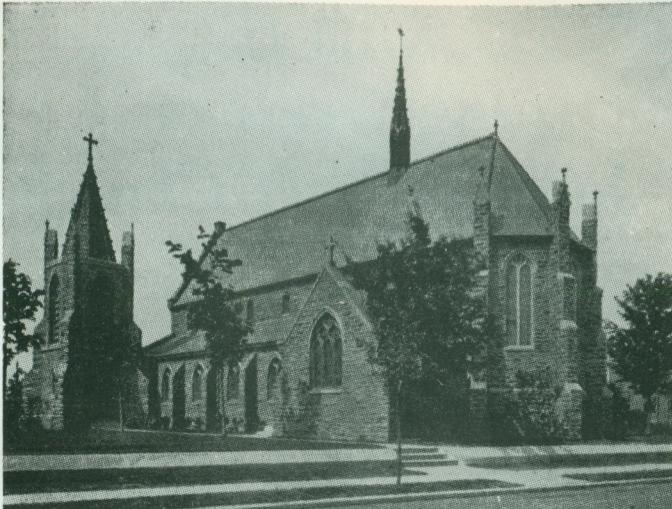
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It is a great privilege for me to greet you all on your Fiftieth Anniversary. St. Alban's Church has stood throughout these many years as a beacon and a sure bulwark for the Catholic Religion. I am sure that this congregation has more than fulfilled Bishop Weller's hopes and desires.

I assure you of my continued interest and prayers.

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## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

THE VESTRY meets on the second Tuesday of every month (except July and August) in the Parish House at 7:30 P.M. The Vestry is composed of twelve men elected by the Parish with the approval of the Rector who serve as a board which minister to the temporal needs of the Parish. The Vestry does not "run the Parish." The Rector is the presiding officer of the Vestry.

THE GUILD OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN meets on the second Monday of every month in the Parish House at 8:00 P.M. The group is composed of ladies of the Parish who act as a service guild. . . . They sponsor a Fair in the Fall, Card Parties, Dances, Suppers etc., in order to raise funds for the church. All ladies of St. Alban's Church are not only invited but urged to attend. It is hoped that the guild will develop their activities to include more spiritual exercises and an increased devotion to their Holy Patron. Mrs. Nicholas Pascale is the President of the Guild.

THE GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY meets on every other Sunday following the late Mass. It is a group of young ladies under the direction of a leader and two assistant leaders which is chartered by the National Society and who assume certain responsibilities on Parochial and Diocesan levels. Mrs. Harry Stratton is the director of St. Alban's Chapter of the G.F.S.

THE CHOIR is a group of men who sing the proper and choral parts of the Mass. They also sing for special services. Men are needed in the choir, and need not have a "trained" voice. The choir meets on Friday evenings at 7:30 and is under the direction of Mr. Robert Fickes.

THE ALTAR GUILD has as its responsibility the care of the vessels and vestments of the Altar, the laundering of Altar linens and the arrangement of flowers and decoration. The Rector is the director of the Altar Guild, and it meets at his call.

THE GUILD OF ALL SOULS is a Prayer Guild within the Episcopal Church which seeks to promote the Church's teaching in regard to the Faithful Departed, to pray for the dead (especially the departed members of the Guild), to encourage Christian cus-

toms in the burial of the dead, and to urge the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the time of burial according to the Propers appointed in the Book of Common Prayer.

The Guild meets on call of the Rector. Mrs. Frederick Collier, Sr. is the Secretary of this chapter of the G.A.S.

**THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** exists in this Parish with the following objects:

1. The honor due to the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.
2. Mutual and special intercession at the time of, and in union with, the Eucharistic Sacrifice.
3. The promotion of the observance of the Catholic and primitive law of receiving the Holy Communion fasting.

It sponsors each year on the Feast of Corpus Christi a service of Solemn Vespers, Procession of the Host and Solemn Benediction and meets on Call of the Rector. Mrs. Percival Weston is the Secretary of St. Alban's Ward of the C.B.S.

**THE ACOLYTES GUILD** is composed of boys and men who serve at the Altars at Mass and other special services. They are chosen and instructed by the Rector who is the director of the guild.

**THE CONFRATERNITY OF ST. ALBANS** is an organization of the young people of high school and college age. The group meets under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Bennington on alternate Sunday evenings. All meetings begin with a devotional service.

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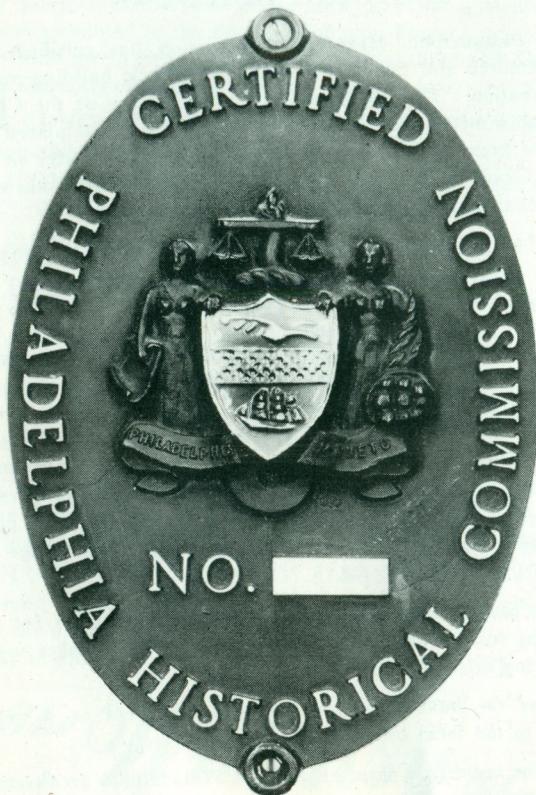
The Philadelphia Historical Commission has certified Saint Alban's Church and Guild Hall to be an historic building worthy of preservation. This significant act by an agency of the City of Philadelphia means that St. Alban's Church has been placed in a position of great honor. In a letter addressed to the Vestry on May 27, 1965, Grant M. Simon, F.A.I.A., well-known Philadelphia architect and chairman of the Commission stated:

"ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH HAS BEEN DULY CERTIFIED AND IS HEREBY ADDED TO THE OFFICIAL LIST OF BUILDINGS WORTHY OF PRESERVATION."

The Historical Commission is composed of prominent persons in the community having expert knowledge in Philadelphia's historic and architectural development, as well as the highest competence in the art and skills of building preservation. It is the agency of Philadelphia's Department of Public Property responsible for preserving buildings within the City that are especially representative of a period in history. Such buildings are focal points upon which the community is able to perpetuate its heritage and establish cultural stability.

When considering a building or group of buildings for certification as worthy of preservation the Commission makes use of the following criteria:

1. Was the building associated with an event or a person important to the local or national scene?
2. Is the building a good example of Philadelphia architectural style at a given period?
3. Does the building show a characteristic way in which Philadelphians used their land?
4. The position of the building in relation to other historically significant sites.
5. The ability of the building to serve a useful purpose in the foreseeable future.



There are relatively few historic sites that have been certified in Philadelphia's important northeast area. Distinguished in this select group, Saint Alban's has now been established as a center of Philadelphia's development in Olney.

Preservation of the Church means that it may never be demolished or altered on its exterior without approval of the Historical Commission, after a careful determination that the proposed change is authentic. Thus, any alteration or addition to St. Alban's must conform to the architectural model that has already been set by the present buildings.

In the application submitted by the Vestry, reference was made to the fact that the Church was designed by George T. Pearson, prominent architect. The stained glass windows fabricated by the firm of Heaton, Butler and Bayne, London, England, were the work of Alex C. S. Higerty. In a letter to The Reverend Archibald Campbell Knowles, St. Alban's first Rector, Mr. Higerty wrote:

"I am conscious that these lovely windows in beautiful Saint Alban's stand not only for models of artistic excellence but especially for that spirit which made us work together for the Glory of God."

For someone who is not fully familiar with the beginning of Saint Alban's present structure, a reading of *Fifty Years*, published in 1949, will provide a wealth of additional interesting facts. A copy of this book has been placed in the Historical Commission's library, as well as reproductions of the original architectural drawing. These documents are a vital addition to Philadelphia's archives. They will serve as a basis for later approval of any change or addition to the Church or Guild Hall.

On the opposite page is shown a replica of the plaque awarded to buildings certified as historic. Plaque number 96, with full ceremony conducted by The Reverend James Claypoole Dorsey, Rector, will be affixed to St. Alban's Structure so that anyone may know of its importance. As an historic building St. Alban's shares company with such other historic sites in the City as Independence Hall, Christ's Church, Saint Mark's, City Hall and the Academy of Music.

Designation of Saint Alban's Church as an historic building is an important event for Philadelphia, and for Olney, as well as for a very distinguished parish of the Episcopal Church.

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The numbers following the names as listed indicate membership in the corresponding Parochial organization by one or more members of the family.

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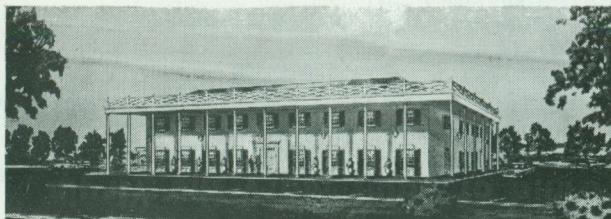


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